

Veterans Affairs Expiring Authorities Act of 2013 and ending 180 days after that date.”.

(b) SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.—Section 5317A of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking subsection (d) and inserting the following new subsection (d):

“(d) EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority under this section shall be in effect as follows:

“(1) During the period beginning on December 26, 2007, and ending on November 18, 2011.

“(2) During the period beginning on the date of the enactment of the Department of Veterans Affairs Expiring Authorities Act of 2013 and ending 180 days after that date.”.

SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE AND RATIFICATION.

(a) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2013, except that Section 2 (a) shall take effect on September 30, 2013.

(b) RATIFICATION.—If this Act is not enacted on or before September 30, 2013, any actions undertaken by the Department of Veterans Affairs under the authorities extended by this Act during the period beginning on such date and ending on the date of the enactment of this Act shall be deemed ratified.

SEC. 5. SCORING OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.

The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go-Act of 2010 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record by the Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, provided that such statement has been submitted prior to the vote on passage.

The amendment was ordered to be engrossed and the bill to be read a third time.

The bill was read the third time.

The bill (H.R. 1412), as amended, was passed.

The amendment (No. 1965) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To amend the title)

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring authorities affecting veterans and their families, and for other purposes.”.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, tomorrow we are going to come in—I will ask consent in a little bit. We will come in at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. There will be a speech by me and Senator MCCONNELL. Then we have a vote at a quarter to 12, if I recall.

Tomorrow afternoon Senator MIKULSKI is going to—after we have our cau-

cus—come in and be recognized for 20 minutes. Following her remarks, Senator CRUZ will be recognized. I am happy to listen to those two Senators.

The place I am in now is that we are on automatic pilot. I filed the cloture motion. Cloture will occur Wednesday. The latest will be at noon. With some agreement we can move it up an hour or two. People can talk all they want. There is no way we can be prevented from having that vote. So we will have conversation, but there will not be any filibusters, because under the rules the time is for talking. But it does not delay anything.

As I indicated today earlier in a conversation I had with the Republican Senator, we follow the rules. Whatever the rules are, we follow them and do the best we can to make sure they are as fair to everyone as possible.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2013

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 24, 2013; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that following any leader remarks, the Senate be in a period of morning business until 11:15 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with the Republicans controlling the first half and the majority the final half; that following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 203, the nomination of Todd Hughes to be U.S. circuit judge for the Federal Circuit, under the previous order; that following the disposition of the Hughes nomination, the Senate recess until 2:15 to allow for the weekly caucus meetings; that at 2:15 Senator MIKULSKI be recognized for up to 20 minutes; that at 2:30 Senator CRUZ be recognized.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. There will be a rollcall vote as I indicated at 11:15 on the confirmation of Hughes.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:11 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, September 24, 2013, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

CHARLES NORMAN WILTSE KECKLER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING JULY 13, 2016. (REAPPOINTMENT)

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

KATHRYN B. THOMSON, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, VICE ROBERT S. RIVKIN, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

BRUCE HEYMAN, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO CANADA.

KEVIN WHITAKER, OF VIRGINIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA.

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. JOHN L. GRONSKI

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate September 23, 2013:

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

ANN MILLER RAVEL, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING APRIL 30, 2017.

LEE E. GOODMAN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING APRIL 30, 2015.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

EVAN RYAN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS).

BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

KENNETH R. WEINSTEIN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR A TERM EXPIRING AUGUST 13, 2014.